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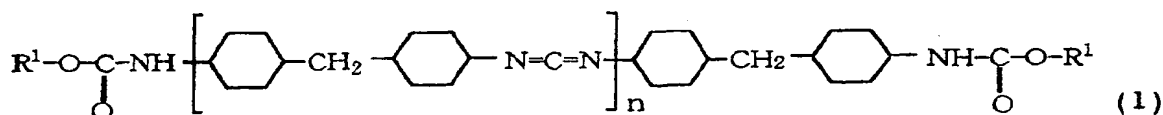
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(54) **Hydrophilic Dicyclohexylmethanecarbodiimide**

(57) A hydrophilic dicyclohexylmethanecarbodiimide represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein n is an integer of 1 to 10 and R<sup>1</sup> is a residue of a mixture of organic compounds of different hydrophilicities each having at least one hydroxyl group capable of reacting with isocyanate group.

The hydrophilic dicyclohexylmethanecarbodiimide is improved in reactivity and storage stability, thereby is easy to handle as a crosslinking agent for hydrophilic resin, and has alleviated the problems of the prior art.

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